(i) Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has been providing indigenously developed SWATI aircraft to flying clubs/institutes.

(ii) Aero Club of India has provided 28 Cessna trainer aircraft to flying clubs/institutes.

(iii) 8 simultors have been purchased and allotted to flying clubs/institutes by DGCA.

(iv) The activities of Flying/Gliding Clubs/Institutes are monitored regularly by the DGCA to attract more trainees.

SWATI aircrafts

6860. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many SWATI aircrafts were produced by BHEL uptill now;

(b) what is the present cost and selling price of SWATI aircraft;

(c) how does it compare with CESSNA and SILVAIR aircrafts;

(d) who have been the major purchasers of this aircraft;

(e) what is being done to encourage sales of this aircraft; and

(f) the foreign countries to which this aircraft has been exported?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Hardwar has manufactured 4 Swati trainer aircraft so far as per the contract the first 82 aircrafts are to be sold at a price of Rs. 27 lakhs per aircraft to the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

(c) Swati aircraft is comparable with Cessna model 152 and is superior to Silvair model 8-F type of aircraft.

(d) to (f) The DGCA has been the only purchaser of Swati aircraft so far. The BHEL is exploring the possibilities of selling Swati aircraft to potential users. No aircraft has been exported so far.

Proposal to private ground handing of aircrafts

6861. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines propose to privatise ground handling of aircraft and equipment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any agency has been identified for the task;

(d) whether Government's own machinery has failed to maintain ground work; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The ground-handling of Indian Airlines' aircraft and equipment is adequately served by the Ground Support Department of Indian Airlines.

Upgradation of airports

6862. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to upgrade some airports in order to introduce regular plane services;

(b) whether the airport set up at Silsman near Keonijhergarh is proposed to be upgraded for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir, Upgradation of airports is a continuing process and is taken up in phased manner depending upon projected requirement and availability of resources.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Model Airports in the country

6863. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TIURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Model Airports in the country;

(b) if so, what are the airports proposed to be developed as Model Airports;

(c) whether Bhubaneshwar airport has been identified for the proposal; and

(d) the details of the proposal of Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Airport Authority of India are developing 12 domestic airports as model airports viz. Jaipur, Lucknow, Nagpur, Indore, Vadodara- Hyderabad, Coimbatore, Calicut, Patna, Bhubaneshwar, Guwahati and Imphal.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Airports Authority of India is undertaking work relating to construction of new Terminal Building at Bhubaneswar airport. There is also a proposal to extend present runway length to 9000 feet.

दक्षिण एशिया क्षेत्रीय सहयोग संघ (सार्क) के देशों के नागरिकों को हवाई यात्रा संबंधी सुविधाएं

6864. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत में उन शहरों के नाम क्या क्या हैं, जहां से दक्षिण एशिया क्षेत्रीय सहयोग संघ के एक देश से दूसरे देश में जाने के लिए इस संघ के देशों के नागरिकों को हवाई यात्रा संबंधी सुविधाएं प्रदान की गई हैं ;

(ख) क्या इस यात्रा के लिए कोई रियायत दी गई है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) (क) भारत के विभिन्न स्थलों से सार्क देशों के स्थलों के बीच प्रचलित हवाई सेवाओं के ब्यौरे संलग्न विवरण में दिए गए हैं।

(ख) और (ग) जी, हां। इंडियन एयरलाइंस 10 अथवा इससे अधिक यात्रियों के ग्रुप को सामान्य अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सेक्टर किरायों में 30 प्रतिशत तक और सार्क देशों के बीच अकेले यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों को 20 प्रतिशत छूट देती है बशर्ते कि कम से कम 3 देशों की यात्रा की जानी हो और ठहरने की न्यूनतम और अधिकतम समय की शर्त पूरी करते हों।